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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the office action dated 5/24/2007, Applicant herewith elects the **invention I, claims 30-51 and 86, drawn to WC hard metals having coercive field intensity of up to 17.0 kA/m** for further prosecution without traverse.

Should the Examiner have any further objections or suggestions, the undersigned would appreciate a phone call from the examiner to discuss appropriate amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.

Authorization is herewith given to charge any fees or any shortages in any fees required during prosecution of this application and not paid by other means to Patent and Trademark Office deposit account 50-1199.

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